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	TIONAL APPLICATION NO. P2004/018782	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 16, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  December 19, 2003						
TITLE OF	TITLE OF INVENTION  Biodegradable foam for sheet, process for producing the same, biodegradable molding from the foam and process for producing the same								
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US KITAMURA, Shuushi									
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18.	A second copy of the published Interr	national Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(	4).						
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